

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicant thanks the Examiner for reviewing and considering the present application. The final Office Action dated October 5, 2007, and the Advisory Action of January 28, 2008 have been received and reviewed.

Claim 1 is hereby amended. Claims 1-5 are currently pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0056225 (hereinafter *Bione*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,076,491 (hereinafter *Tsao*) and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0004920 (hereinafter *Hallenback*). Applicants traverse this rejection.

Independent claim 1 recites a method comprising, *inter alia*, “generating a file by the input control data such that a format of the generated file depends on a manufacturer of an appliance.” Applicants submit that these claimed limitations are allowable for at least those reasons presented in the Applicants’ Response filed on December 21, 2007.

In addition, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 recites a method comprising, *inter alia*, “operating a specific driver program per manufacturer of an appliance corresponding to the control data.” Applicants further submit that *Bione*, *Tsao*, and *Hallenback*, taken singularly or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest at least these features, as recited.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable and request that the rejection be withdrawn. Likewise, claims 2-5, which depend from claim 1, are also patentable for at least the same reasons as discussed above.

CONCLUSION

The application is in a condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner believes a conversation with the Applicants’

representative would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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